Cess on Wakf properties

†2838. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level central panel for the minorities has suggested that five per cent cess may be imposed on all the properties of the Wakfs and the money so collected may be used for providing modem education to the children of muslim community;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the view taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Wakf Act would also be amended for the purpose and if so, by when this process would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities are under consideration of the Government.

Schemes for welfare of minorities

†2839. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes being implemented by Government for the welfare of minorities, alongwith the achievements thereof, State-wise and religion-wise;

(b) the details of efforts being made by Government for return of the Hindu minorities of Jammu and Kashmir with honour; and

(c) the details of the security measures adopted by Government in Assam for Hindi speaking minorities and also the details of the resettlement/other assistance provided to the next of kin of those Hindi speaking persons who have been killed there?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, a merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme for technical and professional courses, free coaching and allied scheme and the schemes implemented by the Maulana Azad Education Foundation, National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation and Central Wakf Council are among the programmes/schemes being implemented for the welfare of minorities. The details of the schemes are available in the Ministry's website "*www.minorityaffairs.gov.in*".

(b) The policy of the Government is that Kashmiri migrants should return once the conditions are conducive for their safe and dignified return. For facilitating the return of migrants to the Valley, the Central Government approved the construction of 200 flats at Sheikhpora in Budgam District. Shrines in Mattan and Kheer Bhavani

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